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Please make the following changes at the designated locations in the specification and/or make the indicated changes in the paragraphs designated by page and line number:

Page 2, line 1, please delete this line in its entirety, i.e. delete "DESCRIPTION"

Page 2, between line 1 and the first line of the first paragraph, please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE

The present application claims the benefit of priority of invention based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application, Ser. No.: 60/443,745, filed January 30, 2003, which, in turn, claims the benefit of priority of invention based on DE 102 59 004.4, filed December 16, 2002, in Germany under 35 U.S.C. 119.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, between lines 8 and 9 (line 9 starts with "Hence..."), please insert the following heading: **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 8, between lines 13 and 14, please insert the following heading:

EXAMPLES